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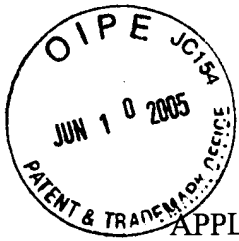
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed **March 8, 2005**. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.